

AmeriCorps NCCC

The Utah Federation for Youth is a youth development and drug prevention program that utilizes education, community service, and outdoor recreation activities to carry out its mission. AmeriCorps NCCC teams have served with the organization's Wonderful Outdoor World (WOW) summer program, which offers opportunities for youth to build skills that make camping and other outdoor activities a successful life-long passion, and begins a connection between youth and their environment through education and service projects. AmeriCorps NCCC members served as camp counselors, cooked meals for the campers, facilitated camper registration, and planned and executed activities. AmeriCorps NCCC members supervised and facilitated eight overnight environmental education camps for 60 campers, ages 8-11 and created five camp programs.

AmeriCorps VISTA

The Center for the School of the Future (CSF) AmeriCorps VISTA project has four major focus areas related to building capacity for school improvement: community involvement, teacher development, partnership development, and development of sustainable systems and infrastructure to support school improvement. In 2013, 16 AmeriCorps VISTA members engaged the community by recruiting more than 1,000 community volunteers who served more than 5,700 hours in Utah schools; strengthened School Community Councils; developed train-the-trainer teacher development curricula and supported Professional Learning Communities in schools; assisted schools in assessment using data-driven school improvement measures including Indicators of School Quality; and developed resources and partnerships to implement tutoring, mentoring, behavior support, literacy, and high school graduation programs in schools across the state.

Senior Corps

Weber Human Services engages 93 Foster Grandparent volunteers in seven school districts in Weber, Morgan, Davis, Box Elder, and Cache Counties. In the Ogden District, 50 percent of third graders fall below the benchmarks in literacy and 73 percent qualify for free or reduced-price school lunch. During 2011-12, volunteers tutored 1,508 children at least three times a week, totaling 63,873 volunteer hours. Teachers reported 71 percent of the children who received tutoring improved their reading scores. Teachers also reported that 89 percent were more confident, shown by willingness to read aloud and eagerness to perform tasks. In recognition of the FGP tutors' results, the Ogden School District has asked to work with the project to develop a method to track the DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) pre and post test scores of children tutored by the FGP volunteers. DIBELS, a state standard, will provide better data for training and assigning tutors.

Social Innovation Fund

Mountainlands Community Housing Trust (MCHT) is a development organization that provides stewardship for shared-equity homes in Summit County. The organization received an initial subgrant of \$130,000 per year from Social Innovation Fund (SIF) intermediary NCB Capital Impact, which will be matched by MCHT dollar-for-dollar. With SIF support, MCHT anticipates adding 150-200 new ownership units to its portfolio over five years. MCHT has the relationships, regulatory framework, and organizational capacity to increase scale aggressively, increasing both the number of affordable units in Summit County and the stewardship of affordable homes.